

**Lisa Toof**

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**From:** Roelof Van Ark  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 27, 2010 5:02 PM  
**To:** Carrie Pourvahidi  
**Subject:** FW: Private - HSR starter segment selection criteria comments

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**From:** diridon, rod [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 22, 2010 1:18 PM  
**To:** Roelof Van Ark  
**Subject:** Private - HSR starter segment selection criteria comments

Roelof,

My responses to the subject selection criteria sent in your following e-mail, follow:

- 1) A general note might be included indicting that the criteria for the first corridor may not be the criteria for selecting the follow-on segments.
- 2) Should not a criteria be included under #I indicating additional priority for a starter segment that has connectivity to multiple future segments?
- 3) Since both relate to risks, you may want to consolidate # II and #III to avoid appearing to overact to that one issue.
- 4) The mention of potential litigation (III , third item) as a major deterrent seems simplistic. Are we not truly concerned about litigation that can not be defended rather than the just the threat of litigation which may be spurious and might even have already been successfully defended? The simple threat of litigation might be used purely as a delaying tactic if given priority even though the AGs office is fully capable of successfully defending against the threatened litigation if actually pursued.
- 5) The last word in #IV, item 2, might be changed from "transport" to "public transit" to reinforce the need to use transit to access the HSR stations and not just more parking lots and cars.
- 6) On page 1 of Appendix D there seems to be an incompatibility. The "Top speed Item" indicates 220 MPH for the two Valley segments yet item two above "Initial work includes electrification" shows the two Valley segments as not being initially electrified. Either they are electrified or we can't make 220...can that be rationalized?
- 7) On that same page, why is the Merced to Fresno segment identified as having two stations when the Fresno to Bakersfield segment shows only Fresno and not Bakersfield as stations?

That's the best I can do right now but may have other comments before the 10/27 response deadline. Please keep me informed. Enjoy the weekend.

Rod

Rod Diridon, Sr., Executive Director  
Mineta Transportation Institute (MTI)

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**From:** Roelof Van Ark [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 14, 2010 10:32 PM  
**To:** .Distribution [REDACTED] board  
**Cc:** Lisa Toof; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
Jeffrey M. Barker  
**Subject:** October 20 Board Meeting

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- The "Selection Criteria" for the selection of the first section to be constructed will be published on the internet and made public by the weekend.
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Regards,

Roelof

Roelof van Ark  
Chief Executive Officer  
California High-Speed Rail Authority  
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**From:** Roelof Van Ark  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 27, 2010 5:04 PM  
**To:** Carrie Pourvahidi  
**Subject:** FW: Staff Memorandum - "Selection Criteria"

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**From:** McDermott, Sandra [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 25, 2010 11:29 AM  
**To:** Roelof Van Ark  
**Subject:** RE: Staff Memorandum - "Selection Criteria"

This message is sent by Sandra McDermott on behalf of Russ Burns.

Dear Mr. van Ark,

Pursuant to your communication of October 14, 2010, I have reviewed the "Selection Criteria" contained in the October 15, 2010 memorandum (Agenda item #2) and its appendices. Specifically, I have carefully reviewed Appendix A, the Selection Criteria outlined therein – including statutory provisions of the ARRA and Proposition 1A, selection priorities, and preconditions for seeking/using bond proceeds - and the corresponding comments.

I am in agreement with all the comments contained in Section B of Appendix A and with the program defined selection criteria as outlined in Section C also of Appendix A. I have no further suggestions at this time.

Regards,  
Russ Burns

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